

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the final Office Action mailed July 18, 2003. Claims 1-9, 16 and 20 remain in this application. Claims 10-14 were previously canceled, and Claims 15 and 17-19 are canceled in this Amendment. Claim 1 has been amended herein.

Applicants note with appreciation the statement in the Office Action that Claim 16 is allowed, and that Claim 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Rather than rewriting Claim 19 in independent form, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 19. Claim 19 is thus rewritten in independent form in Claim 1. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 2-9 and 20 each depend from allowable Claim 1, and therefore these claims are also in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment presented herein places the remaining claims in condition for allowance, and therefore respectfully request entry of this amendment.

No fee is believed to be due for the submission of this Amendment. However, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0458.

Respectfully submitted,

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